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THE SECOND  
GREAT WAR.

After George III. had signed the  
treaty between the British nation and  
the United States of America,  
acknowledging the freedom of the lat-  
ter, an enthusiastic French official  
met Dr. Franklin and extending his  
hand congratulated the great Amer-  
ican on the success of the war for  
freedom. Franklin thanked him, but  
said, "There will be another war; we  
have merely won the first." Another  
war was precipitated by England in 1812.  
Far-seeing statesmen are now view-  
ing with alarm conditions which are  
sure to arise after the present ter-  
rible war shall have ceased. The  
sword will have been sheathed, but  
an economic struggle is inevitable,  
and many years may pass away be-  
fore affairs will reach the normal.

The announcement that representa-  
tives of the Allied powers will begin  
their conference in Paris on April 20  
for the discussion of economic and  
commercial questions is one of the  
highest importance and significance  
as is suggested by a contemporary. It  
is a formal and public recognition of  
the fact that the commercial and  
economic problems created by the  
war and which will arise for settle-  
ment after it is over, will be even  
more serious and difficult than those  
of a political and territorial charac-  
ter. The fact is beginning to dawn  
upon everybody that in plunging into  
this war Europe has raised a devil  
in the shape of financial, economic  
and trade questions which it may be  
much harder to lay after peace is  
declared than the fiend of militarism.  
The combatants virtually have blow  
up the foundation of peaceful pro-  
gress and are now coming to realize  
that they must build up almost every  
part of their civilization anew. We  
have not been able to escape entirely  
the injurious effects of their war ac-  
tivities. But we are likely to feel  
much more severely and directly the  
economic effects of the new era which  
will begin with the cessation of armed  
conflict. That is the reason why  
this Paris conference is of more prac-  
tical interest to us than the opera-  
tions at Verdun or a gathering of  
Russian legions along the eastern  
front.

What actually will be done at Paris  
remains to be seen, and what is done  
there may not be finally ratified by  
the several countries that are parties  
to it. The program of subjects out-  
lined seems, however, to indicate a  
disposition to adopt an extreme com-  
mercial policy after the war which  
must affect the whole world and  
which will retain, in peace, the spirit  
of wartime antagonism. For instance,  
the conference is to discuss "an un-

derstanding concerning legislation to  
regulate commercial relations among  
the belligerents, precautionary mea-  
sures to be taken against invasion of  
allied countries by German products  
after the war, agreements relative  
to the international transport of goods  
the commercial regime of the colonies  
of the allied countries," and other  
kindred subjects. The central thought  
behind the conference seems to be  
expressed in the statement that  
Premier Hughes of Australia, who is  
to be a delegate, "is expected to take  
an advanced position for a joint  
tariff system which will establish  
minimum rates among the Allies and  
their colonies, reasonable rates for  
neutrals and strong discrimination  
against all dealings with hostile coun-  
tries."

This attitude means a commercial  
continuation of the war and of the  
friction and the jealousies which gave  
rise to it.

CAPE HENRY  
FORTIFICATION.

Provision for the proper fortifica-  
tion of Cape Henry has been long and  
unwisely delayed, but the bill which  
has just passed the House will give  
the necessary opportunity. Baltimore  
Washington and incidentally Alexan-  
dria, are deeply interested in this  
subject. This fortress should have  
been built long ago, and would have  
been had not the pork barrel held a  
higher place in Congressional esti-  
mation than the protection of the  
country. Now under the fortifications  
bill, we are to get busy on its con-  
struction, and if we are allowed to  
complete it before an enemy assault  
we shall have something worth while  
at that point.

But it will take nearly three years  
to complete, according to the state-  
ments from Washington, and mean-  
while the gateway to the capital will  
be inadequately defended. We hope it  
will not take that long, and that the  
government will give a rush order  
with regard to it. But, hurry, as we  
may, that and other coast defenses  
will require many months to perfect.  
Nor can battleships be built in a day.  
A sudden emergency might find us in  
very bad shape for resistance against  
a well-equipped and aggressive enemy.  
And it may be that such an enemy  
will not wait for us to get ready, but  
may strike us before we have time to  
prepare. All of which proves the fol-  
ly of putting off so important an item  
as preparedness to the last moment,  
and the necessity of making extra  
haste now.

WHO STRUCK  
THE SUSSEX

Since the classic interrogatory,  
Who struck Billy Patterson? first  
arose there has not been created such  
a cross-cross, crazy puzzle as that  
which is expressed by the parallel  
question, Who struck the Sussex?  
That it was smitten across the bow  
with a vigor that would compare with  
the famous putting-to-sleep blow of  
a prizefighter there is no doubt. In-  
deed, the ship came limping in with  
its nose bleeding and its body battered.  
Who was responsible? Until the  
categorical denial by Germany the  
responsibility was settled in the pub-  
lic mind. But as nations are not sup-  
posed to lie about such matters and  
to call one of them a falsifier is to  
invite more than an unpleasant al-  
tercation between the accuser and  
the accused, public opinion is a bit  
mystified and the American State  
Department is up a tree. Accepting  
the disavowal of Germany at its face  
value, who did strike the Sussex the  
deadly blow that was delivered?

J. MARRIOTT HILL

(Communicated)

In the whole record of human char-  
acter and effort, there is nothing  
so beautiful and so attractive as the  
story of a noble man's life, devoted  
to the service of humanity. This and  
more could be said of my friend, the  
late, J. Marriott Hill. The dreaded  
Reaper has been unusually busy in  
our midst the past two years, taking  
in his fold some of our most useful  
citizens.

A little boy at the outbreak of the  
civil war and his father being in  
heartily sympathy with the south, the  
early life of J. Marriott Hill was not  
a bed of roses. At the close of hos-  
tilities as a young man he determined  
to make his mark in life and it is  
needless for me to enlarge on his  
successes. As a newsboy he was alert  
and progressive, as a "printer ap-  
prentice," he was quick, and when he  
became an employer, those who knew  
him can testify to his big heart.  
Many mechanics in our city are in-  
debted to his efforts for their suc-  
cess. Many gloomy homes were made  
happy ones by his generosity, and  
with all he did not seek notoriety. As  
a politician he had few equals and the  
highest office he ever wanted was Al-  
derman, which carried no salary.  
His whole life was filled with acts

of kindness for others and he ab-  
horred the plaudits which usually  
follow charity. He was the most  
congenial soul that breathed, and in  
a company—rich or poor, of high or  
low estate—every man was his equal.  
He delighted in the pleasure of others.  
But he is no more. Mother earth  
will take to her keeping on the mor-  
row all that is mortal of a noble,  
generous hearted citizen, and as the  
scriptures say: "In as much as ye did  
it unto the least of these, my brethren  
ye did it unto me"—hence his reward.

And so beside the Silent Sea

I wait the muffled oar  
No harm from Him can come to me  
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift  
Their fringed palms in air;

I only know I can not drift  
Beyond His love and care.

GEO. H. HAYDEN.

## SACRIFICES AT VERDUN

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)

If the French estimate of German  
casualties be correct—and it appears  
to have been made conservatively and  
supported by exact knowledge—the  
series of efforts to take Verdun al-  
ready has become one of the most  
disastrous struggles in all history.  
To attain this objective—the fruits  
of which would be rather moral than  
material—the German high command  
already has sacrificed 200,000 men!

Only a policy mixed with despera-  
tion could dictate the payment of such  
a price. Now that it has been paid,  
Germany will keep up the effort un-  
til success has been won or failure  
finally and definitely established.

In a strategic sense, Germany can  
excuse her sacrifices, even if victory  
reward them, only as part of a plan to  
shorten her western line. Due north  
from Verdun to Liege and the Dutch  
frontier, or northwest to Brussels and  
Antwerp, runs the line she would na-  
turally defend if Belgium and North-  
ern France were evacuated. Such a  
retirement would reduce the length of  
the trenches from approximately 250  
miles to 120, if it should be establish-  
ed on Liege and the Dutch frontier;  
or to 160, perhaps, if it were estab-  
lished on Brussels and Antwerp. In  
either event, it would release 200,000  
or 300,000 trench defenders for ac-  
tive service elsewhere.

This purpose may explain the Ger-  
man sacrifice.

## ECHO OF 50 YEARS AGO.

(Richmond Times-Dispatch April,  
1866)

The farcical performance, known  
as the trial of the "Alexandria riot-  
ers," has come to an end. There was  
a street disturbance in Alexandria on  
Christmas Day, and the military au-  
thorities, taking cognizance of it,  
distorted it into a riot, in which it  
was claimed that certain whites were  
endeavoring to slaughter negroes  
without just cause, etc. A military  
tribunal has been sitting in the cases  
pretty much ever since, the members  
of which have been regularly drawing  
their per diem. The so-called tribu-  
nal has at last made its report, which  
may or may not be approved by the  
powers that be at Washington. The  
report finds Oscar Mankin guilty and  
gives him five years' imprisonment  
in Albany Penitentiary; John Lawler,  
Horseman and Gilbert Simpson six  
months each, all at hard labor.

As was recently stated in the Gaz-  
ette, Mankin was allowed to escape  
by a guard who had him in charge,  
and the term allotted to the others  
was lessened to a few weeks. The  
whole procedure, as the Times-Dis-  
patch puts it, was a farce from be-  
ginning to end.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

German losses to date total 2,730,  
917, London newspapers figure, by  
adding the German official casualty  
lists. Of these 631,437 have been killed.

An unmasked mob of 200 men and  
boys took Carl Dudley, a negro from  
the jail at Easton, Okla., early yes-  
terday and shot him dead in the jail  
yard.

Lieutenant General Sir Percy Lake,  
commander of the British forces in  
Mesopotamia, reports that the Brit-  
ish attack on the Turkish position at  
Sannayyat, on the Tigris, just below  
Kut-el-Amara, failed to break  
through the Turkish lines.

Pneumonia, developing from a cold  
contracted about a week ago, caused  
the death in Baltimore yesterday of  
Patrick Dougherty, head of the tug-  
boat firm of P. Dougherty Co., one  
of the largest concerns operating  
along the Atlantic seaboard.

While enjoying an afternoon ride  
in his automobile before returning to  
work, John R. Frey, 35 years old, was  
struck and instantly killed by a  
Pennsylvania Railroad passenger

train at York, Pa. The accident oc-  
curred at a grade crossing just south  
of York.

The first report of a German mut-  
iny in the field is contained in the  
following dispatch from Amsterdam.  
"A German battalion at Mezieres, the  
remnant of a regiment that took part  
in the Vaux-Douaumont fighting, up-  
on being ordered to return to the  
front mutinied, the men saying they  
would not 're-enter that hell.' Forty  
men were shot on the spot."

J. P. Morgan has made another  
important sale from the great col-  
lection of art objects gathered by his  
father. All of the tapestries lent to  
the Metropolitan Museum by the late  
J. P. Morgan have been sold to P.  
W. French & Co., for a sum some-  
what greater than \$2,000,000. The  
collection is generally supposed to  
have cost the late Mr. Morgan \$75-  
800,000.

L. Strickland, a young farmer, is  
dead, and his brother, John Strick-  
land, is seriously, but not fatally  
wounded as the result of a shooting  
affray near Chipley, Ga., late Sun-  
day night when the men were en  
route home after a trip to Columbus.  
It was said the brothers quarreled  
over the question of which should  
spend the night at the other's home.  
No arrest has been made.

At a meeting in Berlin of the re-  
lief committee for indigent Jews the  
president stated that 700,000 Jews  
in the occupied districts of Poland  
required assistance. Thus far nearly  
\$2,000,000 has been spent in re-  
lief work, which has been made pos-  
sible largely by the help of Jews in  
America. It was brought out that  
further assistance is needed, a month-  
ly expenditure of \$125,000 being nec-  
essary.

Shan J. Nelson, a merchant of  
Shaw, near Chattanooga, Tenn.,  
was shot and instantly killed Sunday  
afternoon after a quarrel with his  
brother, Mack Nelson, said to have  
resulted in the whipping of the mer-  
chant's four year old son, Mack Nel-  
son was arrested charged with the  
shooting. Mack Nelson said to have  
come upon his brother while the lat-  
ter was punishing his son and to have  
protested. A quarrel ensued, which  
ended fatally for the merchant.

Unfamiliarity with the automobile  
which he was operating, and which  
plunged down an elevator shaft in  
the garage of the Zell Motor-car  
Company, in Baltimore caused the  
death of George Russell Clark, 18  
years old, yesterday. Carroll W. Cook  
a demonstrator who was sitting be-  
side Clark when the machine in which  
they had been riding plunged down  
the shaft, is in a serious condition,  
having been paralyzed from the waist  
down when he and his companion  
were pinioned under the machine.

Calixto Contreras, commanding a  
force of Villistas, dynamited a train  
on March 27 at Mena station, between  
Durango city and Torreon, causing a  
wreck, in which 80 persons were killed.  
A letter containing this information  
has been received by civil authorities  
at El Paso, Tex. The large number of  
fatalities is said to have been due to  
fire which started in the wreckage  
before passengers could extricate  
themselves. After getting all the ob-  
tainable loot the bandits are reported  
to have ridden away without offering  
any assistance.



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such other business as may properly  
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